

Hakan TAŞÇI Biography

Hakan TAŞÇI is the Executive Director of TUSKON US, the US Representative Office of the Confederation of Businessmen and Industrialists of Turkey in Washington D.C. TUSKON is the most widespread business NGO in Turkey with 212 business associations, 55.000 members, and 140 thousand companies. He started working with the TUSKON US office in 2007. As the US Director, he designs and implements market access strategies for members, supports their strategic development in the US by facilitating b2b, b2g and non-profit engagement activities. He works as a government relation's officer of the NGO in the US and organizes outreach activities for policy makers, think tanks and NGO's in Washington, D.C. He worked as the chief coordinator of TUSKON for the IV. Least Developed Countries Conference, where more than 4000 business people participated as part of the private sector track of the conference. Within the first six months of the year, he coordinated about 20 business delegations to the US, where more than 200 Turkish business-people participated.

He speaks regularly on various TV channels like TRT, Bloomberg, STV, TGRT, VOA, TRT Turk, and TRT Haber pertaining to both the Turkish and US economy. He writes weekly columns for Turkish daily Today's Zaman. He also published a number of articles for internationally peer reviewed journals such as Applied Economics, International Journal of Finance and Economics, Physica A and Applied Economics Letters.

Before assuming this position, Mr. Taşçı taught macroeconomics, statistics, business economics, and principles of economics courses at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Elon University for four years. He also worked as a research assistant at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Bilkent University's Economics Department. His research focuses on macroeconomics, monetary policy, international business and business economics.

Mr. Taşçı is active in civil society organizations. He was the first elected Social Science Director of the Turkish American Scientists and Scholars Association, TASSA. He served as board member from 2005-2007. He organized regional workshops, served as the Organizing Committee member of the 2006, 2007 TASSA Annual Conference Programs, which were held at Drexel and Yale.

Hakan TAŞÇI received his B.S. in Mathematics and M.A. in Economics from Bilkent University and ABD at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is married with two sons. He speaks Turkish and English.